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## **ALLARD, MUSGRAVE INTRODUCE ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT BILL**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) and Fourth District U.S. Representative Marilyn Musgrave (R-Fort Morgan) on Monday introduced revamped legislation to authorize construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit.

The legislation creates a cost-share formula that requires the federal government to pay for 80 percent of the Conduit's construction costs. The remaining 20 percent will be paid for by local entities. Senator Allard and Representative Musgrave worked closely with citizens and elected officials from communities in the Lower Arkansas Valley in drafting the legislation.

"Congresswoman Musgrave and I have reworked the legislation from last session in an effort to garner more federal support and give even greater assistance to southeast Colorado. By raising the cost-share level to 80 percent federal, 20 percent non-federal, we can deliver a conduit without placing a financial burden on local communities," Senator Allard said. "This project is critical to the future of the Arkansas Valley."

"Building the Arkansas Valley Conduit is the best alternative for the water quality problems in Southeastern Colorado," said Congresswoman Musgrave. "Today, residents in the region are still waiting for the clean, safe and affordable drinking water they were promised more than 40 years ago. It is crucial that we pass this legislation, because the conduit is even more needed today that it was in 1962. As I introduce this bill in the House, I applaud Sen. Allard for his leadership in the Senate."

"This local-federal partnership breathes new life into the conduit project, which when completed will provide the small towns and water agencies of Southeastern Colorado with the clean, fresh water which they have long been promised," Senator Allard said.

When completed, the Arkansas Valley Conduit will supply 16 towns and 25 water agencies in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Prowers, Pueblo and Otero counties with clean, fresh water, serving a geographic area slightly larger than the state of New Hampshire. The project was initially authorized by Congress in 1962 with the enactment of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.